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SUBJECT: AUGUST 5 MEDIA/UPBEAT ON SADAT-ARAFAT MEETING

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1. AHAM MAIN STORY AUGUST 5 WAS ARAFAT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT. PRESENTATION EXCEEDINGLY UPBEAT WITH BANNER HEADLINE STRESSING PLO'S "TOTAL APPROVAL" OF EGYPTIAN DIPLOMACY. REPORTING HIGHLIGHTED SADAT REQUEST, FOLLOWING MEETING WITH ARAFAT, FOR IMMEDIATE SESSION OF EGYPTIAN/PALESTINIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE. GROUP THEREUPON MET WITH FAHMY AND ARAFAT HEADING RESPECTIVE SIDES. PLO DEL INCLUDED ABU MAZEN, SADEQ DAJANI AND UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. ACCORDING PRESS, MEETING APPROVED IN THREE-HOUR SESSION EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS TO SECRETARY WITH STIPULATION THAT NEW ELEMENT BE ADDED TO SECOND POINT OF EGYPT'S PRINCIPLES FOR PEACE: "RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO RETURN". SECOND POINT HAD STIPULATED "RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN STATE". ACCORDING GUMHURIYYA, ARAFAT'S STIPULATION ON PALESTINIAN "RIGHT OF RETURN" BASED ON 1949 UN RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY U.S. AND WORLD COMMUNITY.

2. SADAT REPORTEDLY TOLD ARAFAT THAT IN PAPER PRESENTED TO SECRETARY AND THROUGHOUT TALKS EGYPTIANS HAD STRESSED SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA AND CREATION OF PALESTINIAN STATE. EGYPTIAN STAND ON WITHDRAWAL DESCRIBED AS BASED ON FIRM PRINCIPLES OF TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND SIGNATURE OF PEACE AGREEMENT ONLY AFTER WITHDRAWAL COMPLETE. SADAT ALSO PROPOSED SUMMIT OF CONFRONTATION STATES AND PLO TO COORDINATE POSITIONS "AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. ARAFAT, ACCORDING TO PRESS, DESCRIBED EGYPTIAN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS AS "CONSTRUCTIVE". HE ALSO HAD PRAISE FOR SAUDI STAND AND THEIR "TOTAL COMPREHENSION" OF PALESTINIAN POSITION. ARAFAT DEPARTED FOR SAUDI ARABIA AUGUST 4.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENTARY DESIGNED DISPEL IMMEDIATELY ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT EGYPTIANS WAVERING WITH REGARD PALESTINIANS. AKHBAR IN PARTICULAR CLAIMED SADAT FIRM ON QEBKUJEVA. IT CONDEMNED P RO-PAGANDA CAMPAIGNS (EMANATING FROM UNSPECIFIED SOURCES BUT PROBABLY LIBYA) THAT EGYPT HAS AGREED WITH U.S. TO EXCLUDE PALESTINIANS FROM PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. COMMENT: GOE EXHIBITING INCREASING CONCERN WITH ADVERSE SYRIAN AND ARAB REACTION AND POSITIVE ISRAELI REACTION TO WORKING GROUP IDEA AND PLAYING UP ALLEGED POSITIVE PLO REACTION TO GOE POSITION FOR ALL IT WORTH. FAHMY'S CHEF DE CABINET IN ON THE RECORD SESSION WITH NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT AUGUST 4 MADE CLEAR THAT SADAT'S "WORKING GROUP" PROPOSAL

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